AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-49. (Canceled)

- 50. (Currently Amended) <u>A method of inhibiting proliferation of a liver epithelial tumor cell comprising the step of inhibiting FoxM1B activity in the liver epithelial tumor cell by contacting the cell with a p19ARF protein fragment, wherein the p19ARF protein fragment has the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:10, and wherein the liver epithelial tumor cell expresses FoxM1B proteinThe method of claim 10, wherein the epithelial cell is a liver epithelial cell.</u>
- 51. (Canceled)
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- 54. (Previously Presented) A method of inhibiting proliferation of a liver tumor cell comprising the step of inhibiting FoxM1B activity in the liver tumor cell by contacting the cell with a p19ARF protein fragment, wherein the p19ARF protein fragment has the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:10.
- 55. (Currently amended) The method of claim 54, wherein FoxM1B activity is inhibited by causing FoxM1B protein to localize in the nucleolus of the[a] tumor cell.
- (Previously Presented) The method of claim 54, wherein FoxM1B activity is inhibited by preventing FoxM1B nuclear localization.

- (New) The method of claim 54, wherein the liver tumor cell is a malignant liver tumor cell.
- (New) The method of claim 54, wherein the liver tumor cell is of epithelial cell origin.
- (New) The method of claim 54, wherein the liver tumor cell is contacted with the p19ARF protein fragment in vitro.
- (New) The method of claim 54, wherein the liver tumor cell is contacted with the p19ARF protein fragment in vivo.
- (New) The method of claim 60, wherein an animal comprising the liver tumor cell is administered with a pharmaceutical composition comprising the p19ARF protein fragment.
- 62. (New) The method of claim 61, wherein the pharmaceutical composition further comprises at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent or excipient.
- (New) The method of claim 61, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is administered to the animal parenterally.
- (New) The method of claim 63, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is administered to the animal by intraperitoneal injection.
- 65. (New) The method of claim 61, wherein the animal is a human.
- 66. (New) A method of inhibiting proliferation of a tumor cell in vitro comprising the step of inhibiting FoxM1B activity in the tumor cell by contacting the cell with a p19ARF protein fragment in vitro, wherein the

- p19ARF protein fragment has the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:10.
- 67. (New) The method of claim 66, wherein FoxM1B activity is inhibited by causing FoxM1B protein to localize in the nucleolus of the tumor cell.
- (New) The method of claim 66, wherein FoxM1B activity is inhibited by preventing FoxM1B nuclear localization.
- (New) The method of claim 66, wherein the tumor cell is a malignant tumor cell.
- (New) The method of claim 66, wherein the tumor cell is of epithelial cell origin.
- (New) The method of claim 70, wherein the epithelial cell is a liver, lung, skin, intestine, colon, spleen, prostate, breast, ovary, brain, or thymus epithelial cell.
- (New) The method of claim 71, wherein the epithelial cell is a liver epithelia cell.